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Charles Chandos Brydges

Born

4th August, 1850

Died

13th April, 1868

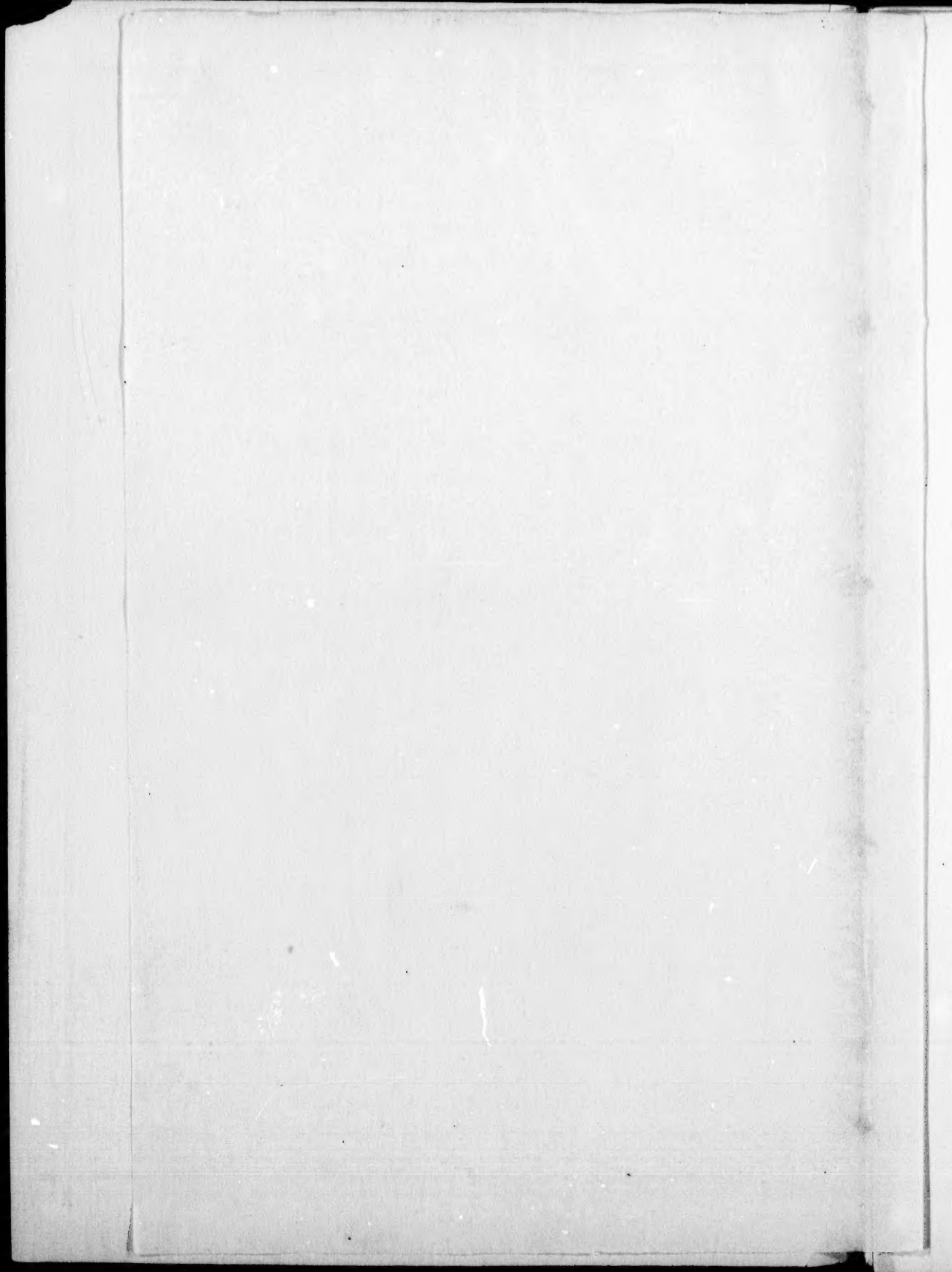
Age

17 years, 8 months, and 9 days



REMEMBER HOW THE GUYON IN THE DAYS OF MY YOUTH, WOULD
THE KILL DAYS COME NOW, FOR THE YEARS DRAW NEAR WHEN
THOU SHALT SAY I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THEM.

LOVE TO ALL





REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH, WHILE
THE EVIL DAYS COME NOT, NOR THE YEARS DRAW NIGH, WHEN
THOU SHALT SAY, I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THEM;

Eccles: Chap. XII. v. 1.

EXTRACTS FROM CANADIAN PAPERS.

The Gazette, (Montreal) 14th April, 1868.

Died, at Chandos House, Sherbrooke Street, on the 13th instant, CHARLES CHANDOS BRYDGES, aged 17 years, eldest son of C. J. BRYDGES, Esq.

The funeral will leave the house on Wednesday the 15th instant, at 2 o'clock. Friends will please accept this intimation.

It is possible that the absence of a man of so much mark as Mr. BRYDGES from the funeral procession (Mr. McGee's) yesterday might have been noticed. We regret that he had too good cause in the last sickness and death of his son (which is announced in the usual column.) Mr. BRYDGES, by night and by day, has watched with both anxious and painful attention, for some time past, over the sick bed of this young man, and two of the most able physicians of Montreal have exhausted their skill and watching to save him ; but alas ! all has proved in vain.

Toronto Leader, 14th April, 1868.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES BRYDGES.

We regret to learn by telegraph from Montreal of the death yesterday afternoon in that city of Mr. Charles Brydges, eldest son of Mr. C. J. Brydges, General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway. He was a young man of great promise, and carried off just as he reached manhood—having been 17 years of age—his death has caused a great pang to his parents. He had been ill for about three weeks. He was an officer of the Grand Trunk volunteer force, and having obtained a first-class certificate, was well qualified to fill the

post of *aide-de-camp* to his father, which he had held for some time. In Mr. Charles Brydges' death, Canada loses one of its finest young men.

Quebec Chronicle, 15th April, 1868.

DEATH OF MR. BRYDGES, JR.

It is with sincere regret that we observe in our despatch from Montreal the announcement of the death of the eldest son of C. J. Brydges, Esq., Managing Director G. T. R. The deceased was a fine, handsome young fellow, only seventeen, was much beloved by all who knew him, and was a general favorite in the Grand Trunk Battalion of Volunteers, in which he held a commission.

Hamilton Spectator, 14th April, 1868.

The citizens of Hamilton will learn with deep regret, from the obituary notice in to-day's SPECTATOR, of the death of Mr. Brydges' eldest son, which occurred at Montreal yesterday afternoon. We are sure that the deepest sympathy will be felt in this city for Mr. Brydges in this sad bereavement.

Montreal Herald, 15th April, 1868.

MILITARY FUNERAL.

The funeral of Captain C. C. Brydges, whose sudden and untimely death has excited so much sympathy, will be conducted with military honours. The firing party will be furnished by the Grand Trunk Brigade, to which force deceased belonged. It is understood that the whole Brigade will turn out, and that the officers of the Volunteer Force of Montreal will attend the funeral, which takes place to-day at two o'clock.

Montreal Herald, 16th April, 1868.

FUNERAL OF MR. C. C. BRYDGES.

Yesterday, with military honours, the body of the late Mr. C. C. Brydges, Captain in the Grand Trunk Brigade, and A. D. C. to Lt.-Col. Brydges, was accompanied to the place of interment by a large concourse of mourners. The cortege, which left the house of deceased's father, Sherbrooke Street, proceeded along that street to St. Lawrence Street, which it passed down, going along St. Catherine Street and St. Denis Street to Trinity Church, where the funeral service was read, the Rev. Canon Bancroft officiating. The firing party was furnished by the Battery of the Grand Trunk Garrison Artillery, the fine band of the Brigade playing mournful marches suitable for the occasion. The remainder of the Artillery and Rifles acted as an escort. The officers of the Grand Trunk Regiment came next, most of the Officers of the different Volunteer Regiments of Montreal following, Col. Dyde, Commandant, and staff being present. Lt.-General Sir Charles Wyndham and staff, Major-General Russell, C. B., and staff, Col. Thackwell, D. A. G., and Col. Wolseley, D. Q. M. G., also attended. A very large concourse of mourners followed, the deceased being much beloved for his amiability and kindness of heart. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Brydges for the loss he has sustained.

Montreal Daily News, 16th April, 1868.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN BRYDGES.

Yesterday afternoon the mortal remains of Charles Chandos Brydges, eldest son of C. J. Brydges, Esq., Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway, were consigned to their last resting place in Mount Royal Cemetery. The funeral procession (excepting that of the late Hon. Mr. McGee) was one of the largest we have ever

seen in this city. The entire Grand Trunk Brigade, both Artillery and Rifles, mustered strongly, and the Volunteer and Regular Officers followed the sad *cortège* in large numbers, as did also many of our leading citizens, and men belonging to the Grand Trunk. Among the officers we observed Lieut.-Gen. Sir C. Wyndham, K.C.B., and staff; Major-Gen. Russell, C.B., and staff; Col. Wolseley; Col. Dyde; Lieut.-Col. W. Osborne Smith; Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, A.A.G.; Col. Bacon, Brigade Major; Lieut.-Col. Bailey; Surgeon Scott; Captain Hannaford, &c., &c. And among the citizens, Hon. James Ferrier, Hon. A. T. Galt, Hon. Thomas Ryan, Hon. John Hamilton, Messrs. Wm. Molson, A. M. Delisle, Thomas Morland, Wm. McNaughton, John Crawford, Stanley C. Bagg, Peter Redpath, E. Drummond, Wm. Wilson, W. W. O'Brien, J. H. Daley, Henry Lyman, E. A. Prentice, &c., &c. The procession left the residence of deceased's father, Sherbrooke Street, shortly after two o'clock, and proceeded to Trinity Church, St. Denis Street, in the following order:—Firing party, Grand Trunk Artillery, Band playing "Dead March," the body, with six pall-bearers (brother officers of deceased), chief mourners, citizens, Grand Trunk Brigade of Artillery and Rifles, Volunteer Militia officers, and military officers. Arrived at Trinity Church, the body was received by the Rev. Canon Bancroft, D.D., Rev. Canon Balch, D.D., Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, and Rev. W. B. Curran, A.B. As it entered the church the organ pealed forth the mournful strains of the "Dead March in Saul." The beautiful and impressive burial service of the Church of England was then read, each clergyman mentioned taking part. After reading the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, the choir sang the very appropriate anthem, "Rest, Spirit, Rest," Miss Jones taking the solo parts. The Rev. Canon Bancroft then advanced to where the body lay, and made a few remarks. He spoke of the christian virtues of the deceased, and of the resignation

with which he had committed his soul to his Saviour's keeping. From early youth he had shown leanings towards Christ, and had followed that great command, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." He was never known to utter a profane word, and one of his companions said he had often remarked that he would not do or say anything which could not be repeated to his mother. Only last Christmas Day he had expressed to him (Dr. Bancroft) his earnest desire to enter the sacred ministry. Although he had been cut down in the flower of his youth, it was a blessing and satisfaction to know that his end was joy and peace. It was about the same hour they were consigning the statesman—the great statesman—to his tomb, that the spirit of this dear young Christian passed away. As each domestic came to take a last good-bye, he commended them to cast their souls on God. The reverend doctor (who exhibited deep emotion) then gave a few earnest words of advice to the young men before him, urging them to take pattern and follow the glorious example of the young disciple of the cross they were now bearing to his last earthly home. The service was then concluded, and the body removed from the church, the organ playing the dead march. In the order before mentioned the sad *cortège* wended its way to Mount Royal Cemetery, where three volleys were fired over the remains of the young captain, and they were placed in the vault.

We had almost omitted to mention that the pulpit, reading desk, and lectern of Trinity Church were draped in black, with white rosettes; also Mr. Brydges' pew.

The Gazette, (Montreal) 16th April, 1868.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN BRYDGES.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of Capt. Brydges, of No. 1 Grand Trunk Foot Artillery, took place from the residence of his father, Mr. C. J. Brydges, Chandos House.

Sherbrooke street, at 2 o'clock, with military honours. The *cortège* was preceded by a firing party of 100 men of the Grand Trunk Foot Artillery, under Major Wallis, after which came the band playing the Dead March and other funeral airs ; the body in a hearse was attended by six pall-bearers, Captains Symmington, Wilson, Taylor, Doran, Wainwright and Huddell, the chief mourners being the father, Mr. C. J. Brydges, with the relatives and friends of the family. The Grand Trunk Rifles, Artillery and Engineers, followed ; the whole being under command of Lieut.-Col. Bailey. Then came the High School Cadets, officers of the Grand Trunk Brigade, officers of the Volunteers ; Col. Dyde, Commandant ; Lieut.-Col. Osborne Smith, A.A.G. ; Lieut.-Col. G. Smith, A.A.G., V.M. ; Lieut.-Col. David, A.G.C. ; Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, D.A.A.G. ; Lieut.-Col. Bacon, Brigade Major ; Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Wyndham, K.C.B., Commander of the Forces and Staff ; and Major-Gen. Russell and Staff ; Faculty of Arts and Students of McGill University ; His Worship the Mayor and members of the Corporation, with many of the employees of the Grand Trunk Railway, and others.

The procession, which was a very long one, proceeded along Sherbrooke, down St. Lawrence Main, St. Catherine and St. Denis streets, to Trinity Church. The body on entering the Church was met by the Rev. Canons Bancroft and Balch, and the Revds. Messrs. Dumoulin and J. B. Curran, who preceded it up the centre aisle, reading the burial service ; the "Dead March in Saul" being played with much solemnity on the organ. The pulpit and reading desk were in mourning. The 39th and 90th Psalms were then read by the Rev. Mr. Dumoulin, and 1 Cor., 15 chap., by the Rev. Canon Balch.

A funeral anthem "Rest, Spirit Rest" was then sung by the choir, Miss Jones rendering the solo effectively and Mrs. Jones presiding at the organ.

The Rev. Canon Bancroft then advanced towards the coffin, which had been deposited at the head of the centre aisle, the lid being covered with lilies and immortelles, and delivered a brief funeral address.

He said as the oldest pastor of the Church he would pronounce a few words concerning the estimable young man whose remains now lay before them. There were two sentences in Holy Scripture that had occurred to him the last time that the deceased had been present in full life and vigour; one was, "What I do thou knowest not now, but shalt know hereafter;" the other, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." When he attempted to sympathize with the father or mother who had endured such heavy affliction he had felt dumb till God put these words into his mouth. Yes, the afflicted ones should know hereafter why their hearts were thus rent—why the staff of their declining years was thus suddenly removed. Nor could the pastor tell why one leaning towards the office of the ministry was thus taken, one who last Christmas was heard to say, that he thought he should enter that sacred profession. "The Lord chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." About the same hour that the remains of the celebrated statesman buried a few days ago were being deposited in their resting place, the spirit of this Christian young man passed quietly away. The 14th and 15th chapters of St. John's Gospel had been read to him, and his pastor was by his side, repeating the words "Lord Jesus receive my spirit." When he (Canon Bancroft) saw so many of the deceased's fellow students present, he could not help asking "Who will be baptized for the dead,—who will fill up his vacant place." On a similar occasion he had asked this question, but had received no response until some years afterwards he found that one who was then present had since entered the ministry. He would therefore again ask was there none who would step forward. His young friends

often heard sermons of warning, but their hearts asked for a little more time to devote to worldly pleasure ; he urged them to live to God and prepare themselves. It was a singular coincidence that the deceased seemed to have inclined to God from his early days. He had been a Sunday School teacher in one of their branch schools, and his companions had remarked of him he was not like other boys, and was never heard to say a word that might not have been told to his mother. He prayed that God might sanctify this sad event both to parents and ministers, and make them to be more faithful in their several duties.

The solemn notes of the organ again sounded, and the coffin was borne slowly down the aisle. The troop had meanwhile opened out, and preceded by the firing party and the band, again took up place at the head of the procession, and the cortege again moved up St. Denis along St. Catherine and St. Lawrence Main streets to the Mount Royal Cemetery, where the last military honours were paid to the memory of this promising and lamented young officer.

Montreal Daily Witness, 16th April, 1868.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE CAPTAIN BRYDGES.

The funeral of Captain Brydges, of No. 1 Grand Trunk Foot Artillery, took place yesterday afternoon, from the house of his father, Mr. C. J. Brydges, Sherbrooke Street, with military honours. The funeral procession was long, and a firing party of 100 men of the Grand Trunk Foot Artillery, under Major Wallis, preceded it, followed by the band playing the Dead March and other solemn airs. There were six pall-bearers, the chief mourners being the relations of the deceased. The remainder of the Grand Trunk Brigade followed, also the High School cadets, staff and officers of volunteers ; Lieut.-Gen. Sir Chas. Wyndham,

K.C.B., Commander of the Forces, and Staff; and Major-Gen. Russell and Staff; Faculty of Arts and Students of McGill University; His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Corporation, along with many of the *employés* of the G. T. R., and other persons. The procession proceeded to Trinity Church, and, the coffin having been placed near the head of the centre aisle, with the lid strewn with lilies and immortelles, the Rev. Dr. Bancroft delivered a brief address, in which he alluded to the deceased as being a most estimable young man, who was leaning towards the office of the ministry. He had inclined towards God from his earliest days, and been a Sunday-School teacher; and of him his companions had remarked that he was not like other boys; and his discourse was singularly pure and devoid of offence. The body having been removed from the church, it was taken for interment to the Mount Royal Cemetery, where the last military funeral honours were paid to a young man of apparently great promise.

Montreal Daily News, 17th April, 1868.

Among those who attended the funeral of the late Captain Brydges, on Wednesday last, we omitted to mention the Military School Cadets, also the students of McGill College, His Worship the Mayor, and several members of the Corporation.

(From the Strathroy Despatch, April 16th, 1868.)

We deeply sympathise—as must the public in general—with C. J. Brydges, Esq., of Montreal, in the death of his eldest son, a very promising and clever young man, who early displayed that business aptitude and shrewdness which has ever distinguished his father. The blow must indeed fall heavily on a bereaved family, whose many hopes were centered on the career of young Mr. Brydges. The ablest medical aid was in constant attendance, but without avail every effort proving fruitless. The deceased was a general

favourite, and his death will leave a sad vacancy in the circle of his many friends.

From the Brantford Courier, 18th April, 1868.

We regret exceedingly to have to record the death of Mr. Charles Brydges, eldest son of C. J. Brydges, Esq., Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway. This melancholy event took place at Montreal, on Monday last, the 13th instant.

The subject of this notice, although only seventeen years of age, had given promise of more than ordinary ability, and would have been certain to make for himself a distinguished name had he not been cut off just on his reaching manhood. This sudden bereavement has been the cause of inexpressible anguish to his parents and friends, and we heartily sympathize with them in the grievous loss they have sustained.

The deceased had for some time taken a deep interest in the Volunteer movement, and had become thoroughly versed in the duties imposed upon him as an officer of the volunteer force; having obtained with much credit a first class certificate, which enabled him to seek a position on the staff, and he had for a considerable period acted as *aide-de-camp* to his father, Colonel Brydges; and it was while acting in that capacity we last had the pleasure of meeting him in Brantford during the semi-annual inspection of the Grand Trunk Battalion, at which time he was much admired for his fine soldierly bearing and his intimate knowledge of drill.

We notice by the Montreal papers that his funeral was attended by the volunteers of the city, and by a large concourse of the citizens, as a tribute to departed worth.

In the death of Mr. Charles Brydges, his parents lose not only a dutiful and most promising son, but the country also loses one of its most gallant defenders, and a young man in whom Canada might well feel proud.

Daily News, April 27th, 1868.

In Trinity Church, yesterday, the Rev. Canon Bancroft, in the course of his sermon, alluded to the death of the late Captain Brydges, especially pointing out the many Christian virtues of that much esteemed and deeply lamented young man.

CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of the workmen in the G. T. R. Company's employ, held on Tuesday, at half-past 5 p.m., Mr. James Tandy was called to the chair, and J. Curtis Clark was requested to act as Secretary, *pro tem.* It was proposed by Mr. James Black, and seconded by Mr. William Paules,—“That a letter of condolence be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Brydges, deploring the affliction under which they are labouring. Carried unanimously. The following letter was then read, and ordered to be adopted:—

G. T. R. READING ROOM,
Point St. Charles Works, }
Tuesday, April 14, 1868. }

TO MR. AND MRS. BRYDGES :—Sir and Madam,—We, the workmen in the employ of the G. T. R. Company, would respectfully approach you to offer what little condolence it may be in our power to bestow at a time when the afflictive hand of Providence has been laid so heavily upon you. We grieve, with you, for the loss you have sustained,—he whom we all mourn having been known so well amongst us from the position he occupied as an officer of the G. T. R. Volunteers, &c. His amiable disposition, his urbanity, and kindly feeling, have left an impression which cannot be removed, and will endear his memory to all with whom he has been acquainted. We would now commend you to the Father of all Mercies, praying that, though one dear boy is taken from you, yet that he who remains may live and prove a blessing, a useful and valued ornament to society, a stay, a comfort, and a prop to both your declining years. These are the prayers and wishes of yours, very respectfully,

Signed for the workmen,

JAMES TANDY, Chairman.

J. CURTIS CLARK, Secy. *pro tem.*

TRINITY CHURCH.

Incumbent—Reverend Canon Bancroft, D. D. Assistant Minister—Rev. J. P. Dumoulin. The Vestry meeting on Easter Monday was largely attended, and was characterized by perfect unanimity and good feeling. The Rev. Canon Bancroft presided, and Mr. Cooper acted as Secretary. Messrs. Joseph Jones and Chas. Garth were re-appointed Church Wardens, and Messrs. C. J. Brydges and Young were elected delegates to the Diocesan Synod. A gloom was thrown over the meeting by the announcement of the death that afternoon of Mr. Brydges' eldest son. A large amount of business was transacted.

RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENTS OF ARTS OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

At a meeting of the Students in Arts of McGill University, held April 15th, 1868, Elbert Fowler was called to the chair, and S. A. Fisher appointed Secretary. It was then unanimously

Resolved,—That the Undergraduates in Arts have learned with feelings of deep sorrow and regret of the death of our late friend and fellow-student, Charles C. Brydges, and that we respectfully tender our sympathies to the parents and relatives of the deceased in their affliction.

Resolved,—That we do attend the funeral of our late fellow-student, and that we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved,—That the chairman of this meeting be instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the parents of the deceased.

In Memoriam.

CAPTAIN CHARLES CHANDOS BRYDGES, G. T. R. BRIGADE,

13th April, 1868.

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(BY HIS LIEUTENANT.)

I.

A flower of rarest fragrance,
Of beauty and of worth,
Is smitten by the tempest,
And lost to us on earth.

II.

A star that shone resplendent,
That burned with promise bright,
Is torn from our loved vision,
And quenched in death's dark night.

III.

A voice of thrilling sweetness,
Whose tones we loved to hear,
Is hushed in solemn silence,
Ne'er to be broken here.

IV.

A heart with pure affection,
With noblest virtues filled,
Hath ceased its warm pulsations,
By death's cold fingers chilled.

V.

One whom we loved and honoured,
Whose loss we deeply mourn,
Hath passed th' mysterious portal
From which there's no return.

VI.

His battle of life is ended,
He has laid his armour by,
And his last command is "follow
"To the land of peace on high."

VII.

Oh, sorrow is surging o'er us,
And its waves would overwhelm,
Had we not the blessed assurance
That God is at the helm.

VIII.

Fond parents mourning in anguish,
With hearts all crushed and torn,
Our God has some gracious purpose
In taking your loved first-born.

IX.

And to you in this dark hour of trial
Are the words of Jesus given,—
"What I do to thee thou knowest not now,
But thou shalt know in the light of Heaven."

W. H. ROSEVEAR.

St. Lambert, 16th April, 1868.